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Editorial

The Annual Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Town of Raymond could almost be termed a slap in the face to the town, school and Hospital Boards. Not one ratepayer turned out to give a vote of thanks to them. I beg your pardon, one ratepayer did come just as those of the council's present decided to go home.

The secretaries of the various boards prepare financial statements each year to be presented at the annual meeting. The chairmen of the various groups have reports to give. But what incentive do you people of the town give your council, school and hospital boards to operate if you are not interested in how they have handled your affairs.

The Town of Raymond as a people is dead, with a capital D. Not even the ambition to turn out to say thanks to the council members. With such enthusiasm behind them you councils can certainly give their best for you.

If your town affairs were administered with such enthusiasm wouldn't you cry.

How dead can a town get. The next two Mondays can show a bit more how dead we are. Next Monday February 21st, is Nomination Day.

Did you know that the terms of the Mayor, 2 councilmen and 2 school trustees are up? Have you given any thought as to whom you would like to see fill those positions or are you satisfied with what these members have done. No matter what your opinion, on the 28th of February you have a chance to voice it at the polls. Are you going to vote or will you leave it to your neighbor? And if your neighbor has the same idea then Election Day will be a repeat of the Annual Meeting.

Six men cannot build a town into what it should be without the support of the citizens. The next few years can mean much to Raymond if the people wake up.

Let's not let Election Day go by without casting our vote.

Any way, you people of Raymond, let's show some civic pride this year and let's all pull for the common good. Let's all co-operate in running your business. In other words let's all be CITIZENS of Raymond, not mere residents.

Now that the question of natural gas is in the news the question on everyone's lips is "Why can't Ray-

FALCONS PREVENT BIRD-PLANE CRASHES



To save airmen's lives, these peregrine falcons were assigned the job of clearing the air of birds above Prestwick Airport, Scotland. Since they have been on duty wheeling and diving on pigeons and other birds no collisions have occurred between aircraft and birds which, last year, caused 13 accidents. Here the birds are being hooded, which assures their good behaviour when strategies are used.

mond have natural gas along with many other centres instead of exporting it out of the country."

Natural gas for Raymond would be a decided boon and would go a long way towards making Raymond a good place to live. Natural gas goes well with our recent modernization program of sewer and water works and with the price of coal as it is would be a decided boon financially as well as giving us the benefit of its convenience.

The Town Council have been corresponding with the Gas Company and have been assured that we will get Natural Gas in a matter of a couple of years, as soon as materials are available. This is welcome news and we would like to see if the two years could not be changed to 'by next fall'. However, if we keep after the things that make a good town better we may continue to grow and not start on the backward trail.

WILL URGE SUSPENSION LEVY ON MOTORISTS

Action on the provincial government's special levy of \$1 on motorists for purposes of the Automobile Accident Indemnity Act is planned by officials of the Alberta Motor Association.

This fund is now estimated to amount to \$200,000 with claims against it being negligible since it was started in 1947. It was established to provide compensation to persons injured in motor car accidents.

A.M.A. Officials contend that motorists are entitled to relief from this continued impost. It is pointed out

that Manitoba last year suspended collection of the fee while in Ontario the amount this year has been put at 50 cents additional for each license.

The A.M.A. is preparing to make strong representations to the provincial government on the matter. These will be made prior to final government action on the budget for the next fiscal year which opens February 1.

With motorists now required to pay a high annual license fee, in addition to a nine cents a gallon gasoline tax, it is contended that some measures of relief from the extra

levy for the Accident Fund should be forthcoming this year.

COMPANA BARLEY

Compana is a new, two rowed, semi-smooth barley variety which is being grown extensively on dry land in Montana. It has been grown to some extent in southeastern Alberta and Southwestern Saskatchewan and has performed very well in comparison with other varieties. This variety was licensed for sale as seed in Canada in 1948, and is recommended in zone 1, which is the dry area of Alberta. Compared with Glacier, Compana

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THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



DOES THIS CHEQUE belong to YOU?

Nearly 40,000 cheques — worth some two million dollars — covering last year's Compulsory Savings Refund for 1942 are still unclaimed. They belong to Canadians who have changed their name or address, or both, since 1943, and failed to notify the Government.

This year, cheques, which are going begging — worth up to as much as \$15,000,000 — should be going out this March to as many as 200,000 Canadians for the return of 1943 and 1944 Refundable Savings. But proper names or addresses are lacking.

Do any of these refund cheques belong to you?

Have you changed your name or address, or both, since 1943 and haven't notified the Government? If so, we urge you to fill in a Change of Address Card and mail it as soon as you possibly can. You'll find these cards at any Post Office.

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